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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY OF MAINE NEAR EAST SEMINAR

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE PLANS TO HOST AN AUG 2-6, 1976
CONFERENCE ON DOING BUSINESS IN THE NEAR EAST/NORTH AFRICA
WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. ITS
PURPOSE WILL BE TO INFORM AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS AND
BUSINESSMEN ON HOW TO BETTER PROMOTE IMPROVED TRADE, INVEST-
MENT, AND GENERAL BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES
AND IRAN. THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO
EDUCATE AMERICAN BUSINESS EXECUTIVES ABOUT ARAB INSTITUTIONS,
GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AS MANY AS
1,000 LEADERS OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY AND FINANCE MIGHT TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE
TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEAR EAST AND
NORTH AFRICAN ARAB STATES.

2. POST SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS TO NAMES OF
LEADING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PROMINENT PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN,
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AND ACADEMIC PERSONALITIES WHO COULD BE INVITED TO SPEAK.

PRESENT PAPER OR LEAD DISCUSSIONS AT THE CONFERENCE, THUS PROVIDING AMERICAN EXECUTIVES IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE "REAL WORLD" ANSWERS TO SELLING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

3. REPLIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY JANUARY 1, 1976 SO POSTS' INPUT MAY BE PASSED ON TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

4. (FOR TEHRAN ONLY): JOHN R. BROWN, JR., CONFERENCE DIRECTOR, WROTE DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR HELMS ON DEC 4, 1975 REGARDING THIS CONFERENCE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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